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Auditors give Town of New Brockton good report

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Work sessions held by the New Brockton Town Council on the third Monday of each month seem to be paying off. The council moved smoothly through its agenda in Monday evening's regular monthly meeting.

The first order of business was the auditor's report on the city's financial status.

A member of the town's auditing firm of Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson & Bowden, Bruce Keel, reported that the audit was an easy one to do.

He noted that "It was a kind of break-even year. The cash and receivables were down with the main reason being the town's liabilities are also down.

Keel stated that the town's revenue was up about \$33,000.00, but expenditures were also up about the same amount. He reminded the council that this audit included the time span in which Hurricane Opal came through the area. The town spent a lot of money on clean up; however, it was reimbursed for the expenses incurred.

Council members were told that

the water board had done much better than in the previous year. The department's revenues were up by more than \$14,000.00 while expenditures were down.

Also part of the audit report was a suggested budget for the town. Keel said, "A budget is a very important management tool for the council.

"It won't always run true-to-form because things are going to happen that are not planned. You have to look at that and if revenue is not coming in as expected, you have to make changes - either get additional revenue sources or cut expenses."

There was a recommendation by the auditors that a financial committee, or one of the members of the council, be charged with reviewing the work performed - reconciling bank accounts, how things are recorded, receipts, etc. - by the town clerk.

After Keel's report, the council voted to approve the recommended budget, with some minor changes, of \$294,625.00.

Turning to unfinished business from the last meeting, the council, after a brief discussion, set the fines and fees for violation of the town's leash law.

The fines/fees are as follows: \$15.00 for the first offense, \$25.00 for the second offense, \$35.00 for the third offense, and a charge of \$6 per day (up to seven days) for the time the dog is in the pound.

The owner will also be responsible for any expenses incurred (shots, food, etc.) while the dog is in the Elba City Pound.

In another item of unfinished business, the council agreed to purchase a half-page ad in Southern Discoveries, providing local business.

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CITY CREWS AT WORK Digging this trench is all the city crews did at Kelley Foods this week. After council members got several complaints, company management asked the city to withdraw and send them a bill for the drain pipe and any work already done. They reportedly told the mayor and city clerk they wanted to be good citizens, not abusing the public nor giving any appearance of doing so.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow explained the city had been installing a drain pipe to take water, running off the highway, down the hill from a catch basin. The plan is near the Elba city limits, but maps indicate the area being worked on is within the city limits. Kelley Foods was hiring a firm to widen the road and install curbing to direct the rain runoff from their office and warehouse across the highway and into the catch basin. Now Morrow and Mayor James Grimes explain Kelley will complete the project without city help.

Elba police solve burglary & make drug bust

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Elba police officers, on Wednesday, February 19, responded to a call that something suspicious was taking place at a residence on Guyton Street.

Upon arriving at the scene, patrol officers found that the residence of Claudine Barnes, 1115 Guyton Street, had been burglarized. At the time of the burglary, Mrs. Barnes was not at home.

After following up on the investigation, Elba police made a traffic stop on Wednesday afternoon, February 26, at which time a small portion of the items taken in the recent burglary were discovered in the vehicle.

After a thorough search of the vehicle and interviewing its occupants, a search was conducted by police in

a wooded area south of Elba, near the Basia Community.

Police canvassed the area and searched for several hours recovering a majority of the stolen property. A few days later, as police continued to follow up on the incident, the remainder of the stolen property was found.

As a result of this investigation, a 13-year-old juvenile (male) has been charged with the offense of burglary in the third degree.

The estimated value of the property taken in the burglary is estimated at more than \$1,000.00.

Investigator Johnny Senn, with the Elba Police Department, states that the matter is still under investigation.

In an unrelated incident, Elba police officers responded to an anonymous tip last Saturday night, March 1, that resulted in a drug bust.

Several juveniles from Elba were found at a location just off Herman Driggers Drive, known as "The Well."

Seized during the investigation was a large amount of alcoholic beverages, drug paraphernalia, and an undetermined amount of marijuana. Arrested in the raid was a 17-year-old white male juvenile from Brantley, AL.

He was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree and violation of the prohibition law.

Units responding to the call were Elba patrol units, an Elba K-9 unit, and Investigator Johnny Senn, who is a member of the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

Elba W&E Board holds special meeting to purchase new digging machine

By Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board met in a special meeting Monday evening and voted to purchase a new digging machine at a cost of \$95,122.

After allowing for an \$8,000 trade-in for the old vehicle, the cost, from Combust of Birmingham, is \$87,122.

Mayor James Grimes, who also serves as utility superintendent, explained to board members that the present 1984 truck and digger was purchased used, about four years ago. Maintenance companies recommended major overhaul or replacement.

An estimate on rebuilding the equipment was \$86,400 plus the rental of \$3,000 per month on the replacement unit until the repairs were

complete.

The estimate stressed that even after the overhaul, the boom on the unit would still suffer stress from its years of use.

The new purchase is only \$1,122 above the repair cost and there is no necessary rental of a "loaner" during the rebuild period of at least two months.

The utility board members were unanimous in their approval of the purchase.

At the recommendation of Chairman Tim Johnson, the purchase money will be withdrawn from the disaster reserve fund and replaced monthly. Johnson noted this would save the interest cost of financing the deal.

Grimes predicted this vehicle should last the utility department for at least 15 years.



MISS RATTLESNAKE RODEO QUEEN...The Opp Jaycee's 32nd Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo Beauty Pageant was held Saturday, February 22, 1997 from the Opp High School Auditorium. Pictured above are this year's winners: Queen Danielle Tew (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers of Elba, AL. Danielle is a student at Enterprise State Junior College and received \$2,000 in awards. Second alternate is Kristie Yeomans (left), daughter of Bill and Laronda Yeomans of Dothan, AL. First alternate is Marsha Bass (right), daughter of Donald and Carolyn Bass, also of Dothan, AL. Jaycee Brock Lunsford is shown "introducing the queen and her court to the star of the rodeo. This year's pageant had seventy contestants from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida competing for over \$4,000 in scholarships, cash, and prizes.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday (TONIGHT), March 6, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office located in Elba. A work session, which is open to the public, will be held at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Kindergarten registration for the 1997-98 school year will be held at Elba Elementary School on Friday, March 21, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY. The Elba Youth Training Center's 3rd Annual Field Day will be held on Saturday, March 22, 1997, starting at 8:00 a.m. This event will take place at the old Mulberry High School in Elba, AL. All children are urged to participate in this activity.

RELAY FOR LIFE. Teams are now being signed up for the 1997 Coffee County Relay for Life. The event is to raise funds for the fight against cancer. For more information call David at 347-4247.

Lynn Wilson Class Act Award Winner

Mrs. Lynn Whitehurst Wilson, a first grade teacher at Elba Elementary School, is the newest WSPA-TV Class Act Award winner. Lynn and her husband, Brad, have two children, Bradley, a kindergartener, and Bethany, age three. Lynn's parents are Dorothy and Nelson Whitehurst. Nelson was an educator for many years. Lynn has fond memories of the summertime when she and her brother would go to work with Dad as he cleaned and painted, inventoried, and performed all those other exciting administrative tasks.

As a result of Lynn's early introduction to teaching, she chose to be a teacher. Lynn's K-12 education was in the Elba City System. While attending Elba High School, Lynn was very active in the band program, was a varsity cheerleader, and served as an officer for other school organizations. After high school, Lynn continued her education at Enterprise State Junior College and Troy State University. At this point, Lynn has a master's degree and hours toward another degree. Throughout her post secondary degree work, Lynn was a distinguished student often making the Dean's List.

Lynn Whitehurst Wilson is a credit to her family, her friends, and her work place. Her bright smile reflects her wonder and joy of life. Seeing things with the heart of a

child and the mind of an adult, ensures Lynn success in her classroom and endears her to her peers. If Lynn had to be described with one word, wonderful would be a start. Not magnificent, because that suggests awe. Not cute, because that sounds cuddly, but not too involved. But

wonderful, that sounds full and warm, compassionate and giving. Lynn Wilson is all of these things and more. Elba Elementary School faculty, staff, and students, love and appreciate "Miss Wilson" and would like for everyone to know that she is indeed a Class Act.



MRS. WILSON AND MEMBERS OF HER CLASS

National Security celebrates 50 years

In celebration of 50 years in business, The National Security Group of Elba is inviting Wiregrass citizens

to join them for an evening of musical entertainment.

On Friday, March 21, 1997, Stage Centre Company will present "Some Enchanted Evening - The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein" at 7:30 p.m. in the Elba High School Auditorium.

Stage Centre Company is a professional division of Theatre Tuscaloosa, one of the most highly regarded theatre companies in Alabama.

For the past two seasons, Stage Centre has traveled the state, bringing musical theatre to tens of thousands of people. Recently, they presented "Some Enchanted Evening" as a benefit for the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra.

The presentation will feature songs from *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific*, and other Rodgers and Hammerstein shows. The cast members are Nancy O'Bryan, Jeremy Evans, Michelle Martin, and Jason Leete. Directing the production is Paul Looney, executive producer of Stage Centre with musical direction by William Henderson and choreography by Susan Looney.

As an added treat on March 21, The Rainer Twins will present a special piano concert fifteen minutes

prior to curtain. Alice and Clarice Rainer returned to their hometown of Opp, AL after 25 years of performing professionally as concert pianists. They now teach piano, make short tours and arrange concert music.

National Security Insurance Company was founded in Elba in 1947 to sell life insurance and was organized with \$32,500 in capital.

Today, The National Security Group is an insurance holding company with approximately 1,000 shareholders and nearly \$100,000,000 in assets.

"Some Enchanted Evening" is being sponsored as part of the company's 50th anniversary celebration.

For complimentary tickets, call 897-2273, or 1-800-239-2358 (ext. 204) outside Coffee County.

NEWS BRIEFS

Once again the county-wide jury pool legislation is being challenged. A bill of declaratory judgment was filed on Feb. 18, 1997 in the Circuit Court of Coffee County. It asks that, upon a final hearing, that the court declare the act unconstitutional and require the Administrative Office of Court to return to the prior procedure for drawing jury venues from two separate pools. The action was filed on behalf of Larry Pope, Billy Ray Farris and James Keith Johnson represented by attorneys Jeff W. Kelly, Paul A. Young and J. Stafford Pittman, Jr. respectively.

A bill for declaratory judgment has been filed with the Circuit Court of Coffee County by Richard J. Spurlin, an Elba attorney, on behalf of Theresa Miller. The bill asks that upon a final hearing, the court declare the 1997 Act which divides Coffee County, Alabama, into two divisions null and void. Further, upon final hearing, require the Administrative Office of Courts to select juries, petit and grand, from Coffee County as a whole and require that all sessions of court be held at the only legally mandated courthouse which is located in Elba.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET

The Coffee County Republican Committee will meet Thursday, March 13th at Shoney's in Enterprise. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

National Security will be 50 years old this year! Wonder if the founders had any idea in 1947 that the company would be anywhere as large as it is today? As part of their birthday celebration, the insurance companies are sponsoring the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "Some Enchanted Evening" in Elba on the night of March 21st. The event is free to the public and will be performed at the Elba High School auditorium. See you there! By the way... an added attraction will be a piano concert by the Rainer Twins of Opp, 15 minutes before the opening curtain. Those who have heard these talented ladies throughout the years know their performance will be a treat within itself.

Last week we wrote about the proposed legislative member lifetime health insurance bill. On the day of publication, a House committee killed one version of the bill, but the Senate version is still alive. Representative Garreth Moore called Thursday morning to make clear his opposition to the bill. He admitted it is still alive, but described the bill as being in very poor health. We hope so, and salute the House committee which sentenced the idea to a deep grave.

Bad weather was making the news during the past several days. Tornadoes, floods, etc. have been hitting all around, but missing this particular part of paradise. We know the damage which can be caused by tornadoes, but thankfully have not experienced the death and destruction at the magnitude of those folks in Arkansas. The flooding can be identified with also, ours qualified up there with everything since Noah sent out the dove to find a green leaf. Elba folks often mention a feeling of horror when the TV news flashes pictures of someone's home being flooded. We understand fully.

Tuesday the U. S. Senate failed by one vote to pass a balance budget amendment. Both Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions issued statements expressing their disappointment that the measure failed. Shelby noted there were many broken promises by Democrats who had promised to support the bill but when the pressure was on, followed the President.

While on the Washington subject, we must clear up a personal matter. Both Shelby and Sessions have press secretaries with the last name of Cox... Laura Cox has been with Shelby for several years, while newly elected Sessions named John Cox to his press secretary position. Neither of them will claim any kin to their namesakes in Elba, so don't hold any of our shortcomings against the senators.

There are two more lawsuits over the courthouses in Coffee County. The first again attacks the one countywide jury deal. It was thrown out of court the last time on a technical point, so we don't know what the ultimate decision will be on that matter. We find good lawyers arguing both sides and each side is convincing to our simple understanding of the law. The second suit is over the dual courthouse system itself. It claims the system is null and void and asks the court to put all the court business back in the only legal courthouse... Elba. We doubt this one will get anywhere because it is apparently mixing apples with oranges. The lawsuit contends a 1909 legislative act made null and void a 1907 constitutional amendment. That just can't happen... period. Only a vote of the people can change the state constitution.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Alabama Motorists Subsidize Northern Road Projects

It is one of the strangest revelations I've come across since I was elected to Congress four years ago. A recent review of federal transportation spending has uncovered that Alabama motorists are subsidizing out-of-state road projects which do not even benefit them.

Here's how it happens. Every time you fill up at the gas pump in Alabama, you are assessed federal taxes to be used for road projects across the nation. This you probably already know. What you may not know is that for every dollar you spend in gas taxes to Uncle Sam, he only returns 78 cents to the state for the improvement of Alabama's roads and bridges.

So where does the other 22 cents go? Apparently, to other states — many of which are in the northeast or upper midwest. And Alabamians are not alone. Some 25 states — mostly in the south and midwest — pay more to the federal government in federal taxes than they receive back in federal highway funds each year.

If you're curious, here's a short list of some of the biggest beneficiaries. Massachusetts receives \$2.49 for every dollar their drivers pay in federal fuel taxes; Rhode Island, \$2.06; the District of Columbia, \$3.81; Montana, \$1.93; Washington, \$1.22; Wyoming, \$1.51; Hawaii, \$4.50; and Alaska receives a whopping \$4.99 for every dollar their motorists pay in federal taxes at the pump. Keep that in mind the next time you drive through these areas.

The reason that Alabamians and their northern neighbors are subsidizing road projects for their northern cousins is due to a federal formula

which distributes funds based on state populations and highway system sizes in 1980. Amazingly, the formula, now 17 years old, still factors in the number of rural postal delivery miles in a state — a measure the Post Office abandoned more than 40 years ago.

If you've driven around the state lately you know that Alabama could certainly use its fair share of these federal highway funds to rebuild deteriorating roads and bridges. This is even more critical as efforts to balance the federal budget are now resulting in the limitation of federal funding for new highway demonstration projects. States like Alabama will find it even more difficult to pay for much-needed road work.

Lawmakers from the states most adversely impacted have banded together to introduce legislation (HR 674) in the U.S. House to restore equitable road funding. This legislation is called the Streamlined Transportation Efficiency Program for the 21st Century (STEP 21). Furthermore, we have sent a letter to the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Bud Shuster, R-PA, to allow our legislation to be considered as the House reauthorizes federal transportation programs this year.

Recently, I joined with fellow members of Alabama's congressional delegation in meeting with Governor Fob James to discuss STEP 21 and strategies for implementing it into law.

I remain hopeful that Congress will take necessary and proper action to grant Alabama and other states their rightful share of federal highway funds.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 24 Thru MARCH 2, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 24, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, one VPL, one unlawful possession of marijuana, one criminal trespass, one harassment, two thefts of service, three thefts of property, one criminal mischief, one violation of boom box ordinance, two assaults, one carrying of a concealed weapon without a permit, one hindering prosecution, and one DUI.

Arrests were as follows: one for assault, one for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, one for hindering prosecution, one for unlawful possession of marijuana, one for VPL, and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: fourteen for speeding, one for running a red light, one for improper lighting, one for no driver's license, and two for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24** - River stage - 13.50 feet (6:37 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Larkin Road (4:57 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - River stage - 12.66 feet (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on Davis Street (11:50 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - River stage - 14.07 feet (6:41 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87N and AL Hwy. 203 (6:57 a.m.); Wreck reported at Hardie's (10:36 a.m.); Rescue run to Little Beaver Trailer Park (7:29 p.m.); Disturbance (boom box) at Toole Bug's (9:31 p.m.).

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 25, 1997 through March 3, 1997.

They were: Sheila Armstrong, Melanie Hall, Carlos Lindsey, Lois Whitley, Patricia Dennis, Michael Parrish, Casber Lewis, Carolyn Pruitt, Judy McCormick, Theo Mauldin, Malcolm Wilson, Dynetta McGee, Mary Bryan, Leslie Compton, John Frank Phillips, Virginia Lewis, Coy Nelson, L. B. Thrasher, Ashley Parrish, Annie Campbell, Mavis Beckworth, Rebecca Chandler, Laymond Ware, Nicholas Green, and Bell Whittenston.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: William Kilpatrick, Carlos Lindsey, Melanie Hall, Casber Lewis, Justin Deal, Patricia Dennis, Annie Coleman, Mary Bryan, Gerry Lambert, Dynetta McGee, Theo Mauldin, Myrtle Hudson, Lois Whitley, Rhonda Mills, Judy McCormick, Sheila Armstrong, and Carolyn Pruitt.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a woman veteran and a Field Representative of Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation, I hope you will pass on the following information.

A memorial is under construction at the main entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. The Women in Military Service for America Memorial is less than one year away from dedication—October 18, 1997. It will honor the more than 1.8 million women who have ever served or are currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces.

This memorial will tell the story of our military women's dedication, commitment, and sacrifice. For the first time, their historic contributions will become a visible part of our national heritage. The memorial's 33,000 square foot Education Center will include a 196 seat auditorium, a computer registration area, and a Hall of Honor.

We are looking for all military service women, veterans or active duty, from all branches of service, the National Guard and Reserves, to include their names and records of service in the memorial's registry.

This computerized database will feature women who have served from the American Revolution through Operation Desert Storm and beyond.

I urge all readers to help us locate these women. If you have served or know a woman who has served, please call (toll free) 1-800-222-2294 or write, Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Poe



BOY SCOUT TROOP #37 planted pine trees in honor of Arbor Day. The Scouts planted approximately 100 trees next to the Central Office building of the Elba City Schools. The pine trees were donated by Black-Haney Timber Company and planting instructions were given by Ted Vignola and Eric Cox.

1997 Senior Class parents to meet

There will be a meeting on Monday, March 10, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center, across from the Elba Police Department, to plan the senior breakfast. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The OCAP Head Start Program is accepting applications for children ages three to school age for the 1997-98 program year. The child must be three by September 2, 1997. Applications will be taken on weekdays (beginning February 18) from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Elba Center.

To apply, bring copies of the child's birth certificate, physical or Medicaid Screening, blue immunization card, proof of income, Social Security numbers for all family members, Medicaid card, and food stamp card. Head Start is available for all children regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, or national origin. For more information call the Head Start center at 897-3675 or the Central Office at (334) 566-1712.



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AREA DEATHS

MURLENE STODMIRE
Murlene Stodmire, age 48, died Saturday, February 23, 1997 in a Dothan, Alabama hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 1997 from the Church of Jesus Christ of Elba, AL, with Elder E.H. Hill officiating. Virgil Coleman Mortuary directed the service.

Survivors include 8 children, Richard Stodmire, Elaine Thomas, Latina White (Jody), Steven Thomas (Sylvia), Alex, Latonya, Carlos, Risa, and Thomas, all of Elba, AL; 13 brothers and sisters: Annie Muri Smith of Fort Walton, Florida, Charles Smith of New Jersey, Georgia Germany (Adgerine) and Eddie Jr. Stodmire, both of Opp, AL; Pearl Water, Jasie Mitchell, Pinky Mae Stodmire, and Mack Stodmire, all of Elba, AL; Min, Gloria Kyles (Min, J.E. Kyles) of Enterprise, AL; Ronnie Stodmire, Debra Stodmire, and Will Stodmire, all of Kansas City, Margaret Jones of Chicago, IL; step-mother, Annie Lois Hornsby of Kansas City; 9 grandchildren; three brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; a host of friends.

DESSIE MAE FLOWERS
Dessie Mae Flowers, age 90, died Friday, February 21, 1997 in an Enterprise, Alabama hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 1997 from the Church of God By Faith of New Brockton, AL, with Elder R.L. McKinney officiating. Virgil Coleman Mortuary directed the service.

Survivors include one son, James Flowers of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Okie Mae Burks of Pike County, AL; 10 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 15 great great grandchildren; one nephew, Jeff Flowers; one daughter-in-law, Beulah Brown; a special friend, Ossie Mae Clark; a host of other relatives and friends.

HAROLD LLOYD JONES
Harold Lloyd Jones, age 73 of Lakeland, Florida, died Friday, February 28, 1997 in Trinity Health Rehab Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 1997 from the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, Alabama with Dr. Thomas E. Farmer Jr. officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include two sisters, Vivian Lee of Elba, AL and Helen Jones Farmer of Lakeland, FL; one nephew, Dr. Thomas E. Farmer Jr. of Clearwater, FL.

STEPHEN DEVANE
Stephen Devane, age 67 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, March 3, 1997 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Richburg officiating.

Burial followed in the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a sister, Evelyn Pope of New Brockton, AL; two brothers, Bill Devane of Elba, AL and Leon Devane of Enterprise, AL.

PASTENE MACK BRYAN
Pastene Mack Bryan, age 75 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Monday, March 3, 1997 in a Montgomery, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Robert Paul and Rev. Mart Gray officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne Bryan and Charles Robert Niven of Montgomery, AL; one son, Kenneth Mack Bryan of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Bryan was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayland Bryan.

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Socials & Community News

Miss Dawkins and Mr. Carter to wed Saturday, March 15



Mr. Carter & Miss Dawkins

Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Dawkins of Elba, AL announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stacey Lynn Dawkins, to Clinton Christopher Carter, son of Mrs. Nancy Carter of Level Plains, AL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bubba and Reba Morris of Elba, AL and the late Lee Dawkins and the late Lee Dawkins of Elba, AL. She is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School. She is employed at the Elba Dairy Queen.

The groom is the grandson of Stella Perryman of Level Plains, AL and the late Ray Perryman, and the late Melvin and Hazel Powers of Phoenix, AZ. He is a 1989 graduate of Dothanville High School. He is employed at Utility Trailers in Enterprise, AL.

The wedding will be held March 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wooten Chapel.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Lewis-Whittaker wedding to be held Saturday, March 15



Miss Lewis

Amanda Lynn Lewis and Gregory Scott Whittaker announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Amanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donny Hardy of Elba, AL and Roy Little of Troy, AL. Gregory is the son of Mr. Billy Whittaker and Mrs. Betty Whittaker of Montgomery, AL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. June McLeod of Goshen, AL and Mrs. Lorene Hardy of Elba, AL and the late Leon Hardy. She is a 1996 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is a student at Troy State University.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. Bill Whittaker and Mrs. Christine Hardison. He is a 1991 graduate of Lanier High School. He is employed at Montgomery Remediation Services in Montgomery, AL.

The wedding will be held at 2:00 p.m., March 15, 1997 at the Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Highway 87, Jack, Alabama.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Mr. & Mrs. Thigpen

Thigpen-Sullivan wedding held January 17

Miss Melissa Denise Sullivan and Mr. Greg Thigpen were united in marriage on January 17, 1997 at the Elba Courthouse.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Sandra Sullivan of St. Pete, FL. The groom's mother is Mary Ellen Thigpen of Elba, AL.

Tina R. Johnson of Enterprise, AL served as maid of honor.

After a wedding trip to Birmingham, AL the couple is now residing in Enterprise, AL.

Hobson Roberts is six years old



Hobson Roberts

Hobson Roberts of Chelsea, AL turned 6 with a skating birthday party. He is the son of Tate and Russ Roberts and the grandson of Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba. Hobson has a sister, Tina, age 4 1/2, and a sister, Mara, age 3. He is also the grandson of Connie Roberts of Elba and the great-grandson of Annie Laurie Hobson of Laurel, MS.



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Miss Morrow & Mr. Walker to be united in holy matrimony

Penny Danielle Morrow and Rev. Mark Allen Walker announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Penny is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Morrow of Elba. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Walker of Enterprise.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Morrow of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Shug Davis of Opp. She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School and is currently attending ESIC with plans to transfer to Troy State University, Troy. She is employed at Hammen Health Care Clinic.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Thompson, all of Enterprise. He is a 1990 graduate of Enterprise High School, 1992 graduate of ESIC, 1994 graduate of Troy State University, and 1995 graduate of Berean Bible College. He is employed at the Elba First Assembly of God.

The wedding will be held May 3, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. from Westside Baptist Church, 1026 Caroline Street, Elba.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Mr. Walker & Miss Morrow

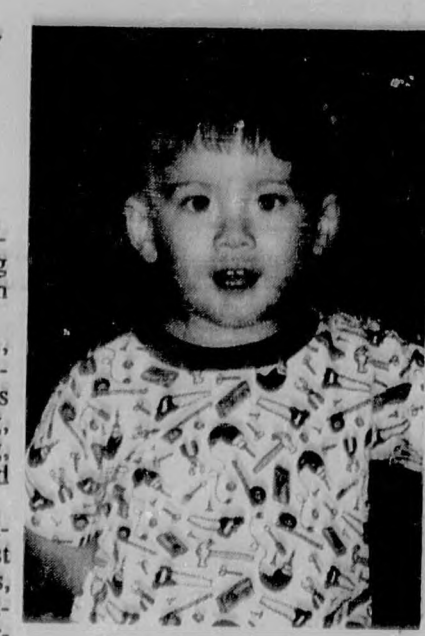
Spring Farm Day to be held at Landmark Park

Landmark Park in Dothan will offer a glimpse of the past during Spring Farm Day, Saturday, March 15.

From 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the park will come alive with demonstrations of traditional farm skills and crafts such as sheep shearing, quilting, blacksmithing, soapmaking, plowing, spinning and weaving, and more.

The park's annual Old-Time Fiddlers' Convention, featuring the best fiddlers from all over the Wiregrass, will begin at 1:00 p.m. Entertainment during the day will include performances by OnStage! Cloggers, Circle City Bluegrass, Split Decision, Tri-State Dulcimer Association and more.

Landmark Park is located on Hwy. 431 North in Dothan. Admission to Spring Farm Day is free for Dothan Landmarks Foundation members, \$2.00 for children, and \$4.00 for adults. For more information call 334-794-3452.



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Enterprise Church of God to present "The Power of His Last Words"

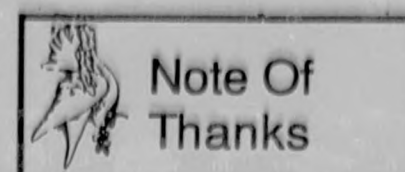
Easter Sunday morning, March 30, you are invited to witness "The Power of His Last Words," a drama, to be presented at the Enterprise Church of God. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 1303 East Park Avenue in Enterprise.

HRDC offering heat assistance

Human Resource Development Corporation will be taking applications for heating assistance through the federal LIHEAP program. Applications will be taken March 6, 1997 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Enterprise Recreation Center, East Lee Street, Enterprise, AL. Applicants must provide proof of gross income for each person in the household for the month of February 1997 (or, if paid weekly, bring four (4) check stubs). The person making the application must bring social security number(s) and a heating bill.

If an applicant is unable to apply for himself/herself, he/she may send a representative with a signed permission statement and the above documentation.

NOTE: If you received assistance in January 1997, you are not eligible to apply March 6, 1997.



The Mary Viola Stroud Family

NOTE OF THANKS

Charlotte, Dorothy and I are so very grateful to all the kind and caring friends who helped us through the death of our mother, Katreen Stroud Vaughan.

We grieve for her deeply and we'll miss her forever, but we are comforted in knowing that she was surrounded by the wonderful people of Elba.

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PASTOR'S CORNER
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Cooperation

There is a great lesson to be learned from observing the ant. These little creatures can teach us more about cooperation than most anything else can. Have you ever noticed the togetherness of the ant? They do not survive alone, but they work in a co-op-spirit, even in the gathering of their food. You watch the ant when he finds a big crumb. He'll go all the way back to the ant hill and tell the other ants that a big crumb has been found. Then, he'll lead them back to where the crumb is. If you watch them you won't know who's the boss, you don't know which ant is telling the other ants what to do or not to do. Just watch them, you'll see one ant get behind, another one will get in front, two will get on the sides, and they'll drag that crumb all the way back to the hill so that all the ants can get some of the crumb. You never hear the fussing and arguing, talking about this is my crumb, or I pulled the most, or don't anybody touch it till I get mine first. They work in a co-op-spirit. We need to learn this lesson of cooperation. No man is an island, no man can stand alone. I need you and you need me, and we all need God. Many times we fool ourselves into thinking that we can make it on our own, that I'm the captain of my own soul, I can master my own fate, no, no, no. Everybody needs somebody. The strength of the wolf is not in the wolf. The strength of the wolf is in the pack. They gather their strength from being together. Just as the wolf draws his strength from being together, so does the church and God's people. We are a fellowship bringing the power of Jesus Christ into this city, into this county, into this state, into this nation, into this world. We must not allow those who would have us fail, to disrupt the spiritual community. We have Christ at the center, and he is the cure for the evils of this world. Not only am I my brother's keeper, but I am also my brother's brother. We need the spirit of cooperation, and let it begin first at the church.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church to hold Youth Revival

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will be having a Youth Revival March 26, 27, and 28.

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Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street meet

When the members of the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met at the HRDC Building, Factory Street, on February 28, 1997 there was much hustle and bustle. It was a spring-like day, however many were still absent. Several members brought guests, which were welcomed. There was much frivolity—some played dominoes, others cheered the players and exchanged news. A delicious lunch was served to the following: Frank and Lennie McCollough, Bonnie Wesley, Zedie Bouyer, Iris McDowell, Dodie and Arthur Hudson, Allene English, Mattie Lou Goodson, Mary Harris, Ruthie Blanton, Hugo Smith, Nellie Corbitt, Marvin Matthews, Frances Shaboo, Merle Boling, Mary Phillips, Wanda Sasser.

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Do You Ever Wonder...

by Erin Vignola

"Did you ever wonder if the woman in the moon becomes angry because people on Earth seem to think it is a man? Sometimes things in life seem crystal clear. Sometimes it seems as if we are in total control. But if we take the time to look deeply into things, even in significant things, something unfamiliar can come into focus. In some cases it could be a developing crisis that could easily be headed off. In some cases it could be a wonderful opportunity. The

point is, look at the world around you very carefully. Great experiences can pass us by so quickly. They can be unnoticed without careful review. Mistakes can be avoided, possibly learned from with special attention. Take time to think about your actions and words. Ponder the meaning of someone else's words. Cries for help aren't always obvious. Compliments and praise do not always come in tangible form. Analyze. Rationalize. Ponder, and Wonder. After all, things aren't always what they seem!

District Contest In Drafting



Amanda Campbell shown here with her drafting teacher Dennis Huggins will represent Elba High School in District Contest. Amanda is a junior and a second year drafting student. The contest will be a combination CAD and drawing board. It will be held March 14 at Wallace State in Dothan. Other drafting students observing the contest will be Ronnie Davis, Walt Russell, and Luke Bludsworth.

Welding Contest Winners

The Elba Local Welding Contest was held on Monday, February 10, 1997. The contest consisted of SMAW and GMAW welding processes. Winners of the contest are 1st: Jarrel Smedley, 2nd: Marcus Tillis, 3rd: Michael Carney. Jarrel will represent EHS at the District Contest held at Wallace College in March. A special thanks to Terry Hudson of Dorsey Trailers and Donald Lawford for judging the contest.



Welding Winners... (l to r) Marcus Tillis - second place; Jarrel Smedley - winner; and Michael Carney - third place.

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Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips w/Pork, Strawberries, Milk.
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Beef Shepherd Pie, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Milk.
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuits or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Fish, Baked Beans, Steamed Cabbage, Cornbread, Milk.
Friday - Cheese Grits & Toast or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Bologna Sandwich, Carrots, Potato Tots, Peach, Roll, Milk.

Drug Awareness Program

by Shan'Ta Caldwell

Friday, February 21, 1997 a Drug Awareness assembly was held at Elba High School in the gym. The program was related to students using drugs. Edwin Corder, the instructor, is from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He normally brings in about fifteen reptiles including a large python. During the demonstration he wrestled an alligator and had a duel with a cobra. Part of the program was to address issues of alcohol and drugs. The message was no matter how dangerous students think snakes are, the snakes are no where near as destructive as alcohol and drugs! The most poison-

ous snake that was shown was the Egyptian Cobra which was the snake that bit Cleopatra. A black panther and an alligator were also shown. The other snakes that were shown were the chicken snake, king snake, python, komodo dragon, rattlesnake, and a corn snake.

SENIOR of the WEEK

Co-Op Spotlight



CONNY COOPER

by Britany McCall

Jason Jordan, son of the son Dan and Sandra Jordan. His hobbies include hunting and fishing. Jason is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, FFA, and VICA. He attends New Haven Baptist Church. His goal for the remainder of the year is to maintain good grades. After high school Jason plans to attend ESJC for 2 years and transfer to Auburn University. He plans to major in chemical engineering.

by Kayron Whitworth

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



by Carla Gray

Marcus Parker. Marcus is the son of Sue Reed. His hobbies include football, baseball, lifting weights, and talking on the phone. Marcus was asked what he liked best about EHS and he answered, "Being in 4th block with Papa Killingsworth!" Julian Mitchell. Julian is the son of Pamela Mitchell. His hobbies include basketball, football, and coin collecting. He is involved in FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta, and VICA. He is a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Julian was asked what he liked best about EHS and he answered, "Stephanie Williams!" Ronnie Davis-Romnie is the son of Ronnie and Michele Davis. His hobbies include baseball, football, fishing and horseback riding. He is involved in VICA and FBLA. Ronnie was asked what he liked best about EHS and he answered, "John DuBose, Forrest Hancock and the faculty!" Marcus Siler-Marcus is the son of Neat and Larry Siler. His hobbies include football, basketball and spending time with girls. He is involved in VICA. He is a member of Greater New Zion. Marcus was asked what he liked best about EHS and he answered, "Most of the females!"

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ESJC English Tournament

by Melissa Benbow

Elba High School students attended the English Tournament at ESJC Friday, February 21, 1997. The Sr. High team members who competed were twelfth graders D'Undray Peterson, Erin Vignola, and Melissa Benbow; eleventh graders Jeremy Blinn, Anna Head, Walt Russell, and Leigh Kelley; and tenth graders David Murdock. The Jr. High team members were Emily Benbow, Conny Cooper, Melissa Grantham, Katie Holloway, Erin Myers, Monique Ordon, Leslie Stinson, and Shanna Tillis who are all freshmen. The areas they competed in were Jr. High Composition, Vocabulary, English and Literature. Sr. High Composition, Vocabulary, English, and Literature. The students were assigned two tests in advance so they could prepare. The first tests, composition and literature, took place from 8:30-10:00 a.m. The students then had a 30 minute break to socialize and gather their thoughts for the next test. The English and Vocabulary test were given from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Everyone attended the awards ceremony and two of Elba's students were recognized. Conny Cooper won an Honorable Mention for Jr. High Composition and Daniel Murdock won an Honorable Mention for Sr. High Composition. Congratulations Conny and Daniel!



CONNY COOPER & DANIEL MURDOCK

Peterson Receives Scholarship

by D'Undray T. Peterson

D'Undray T. Peterson, a senior at Elba High School, has been chosen to receive a Leadership Award from the University of West Alabama according to a recent announcement by the scholarship committee.

The Leadership Award, part of the scholarship program at the University of West Alabama, was awarded to D'Undray for his outstanding contributions in high school. The award is a 4-year scholarship to UWA.

D'Undray is the son of Willie Peterson of Elba.



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African American History...

March

Monthly motivation: Positive anything is better than negative nothing. Lorraine Hansberry 1914: On March 1 Ralph Waldo Ellison is born in Oklahoma City, OK. He will later write *The Invisible Man*, which will win many awards. 1821: On this day, March 3, Thomas L. Jennings becomes the first African American to be granted a patent in the United States for a method of dry scouring clothes. African American History Calendar

Ordination Services

Deacons' Ordination Services will be held at Poplar Spring Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton, AL, March 9, 1997, Rev. J. L. Grayer is pastor.

The advisory council will meet at 2:00 p.m. followed by the ordination at 2:30 p.m.

The devotion will be by the officers of Pleasant Shade and Mt. Calvary MB Churches. Pleasant Shade Choir will render music. The welcome will be by Dea. Mix Andrews. The sermon will be by Rev. C.A. Hammonds, Jr., pastor of Pleasant Shade MB Church of Enterprise, AL.

All churches have a special invitation to share in these services. Candidates for the ordination services are: Brothers James McKensie, Charles Kelley and Benny Finch.



Juanita B. Brooks

Warren Belcher

Memorial

Lucile Lindsey Rideaux

February 7, 1930 - March 3, 1993

It is sweet, at the close of a well spent life, to turn one's face toward the sunset and quietly sink into rest that knows no waking except in the presence of God.

We miss you, our Lucile, Cile, our Polly, our teacher, our mother, our sister, our aunt. "Sho nu!"

Roderick & Marlar Rideaux

Vera Lindsey Williams

Eria Lindsey Belcher

Mr. and Mrs. Willie G. Shakespear, Willie G. Shakespear III, and Kimberly L. Rideaux, all of Andalusia, AL, visited Ernestine Kelley and family and Grover and Eria Belcher past Sunday night.

Ernestine Kelley, Vera Williams, Kimberly Kelley, and Eria Belcher, all of Elba visited Ada Jones, Enterprise, AL, recently.

Lottie Walker, Southfield, MI and Grace Simmons of Elba, AL, visited Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba, AL, this past Wednesday evening.

Thank You Note
 The family of the late Clyde Hammonds Posey greatly appreciates the many expressions of kindness shown to us during our bereavement. We thank you for the telephone calls, food, cards and visits. Thanks to Rev. Peterson and the New Zion MB Church family. Thanks to Virgil Coleman Mortuary and staff.

God bless,

Grace Hammonds Simmons

James Hammonds

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March Birthdays
 Clea Williams Davis: March 3;
 Warren Belcher and Juanita Belcher Brooks: March 5; Grover J. Belcher: March 28.

National Poison Prevention Week is March 16-22

More than one million accidental poisonings occur each year primarily to children under the age of 5 years. In September 1961, Congress passed an act to designate the third week of March each year as National Poison Prevention Week. For 1997, National Poison Prevention Week has been slated for March 16 to 22 with the theme being "Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons."

Since the early 1970's, child-resistant packaging has been a federal requirement for aspirin products and oral prescription medications. In addition, certain poisonous household products can be lethal and should be packaged in child-resistant containers. For example, furniture polish, oil of wintergreen, drain cleaners, lighter fluid, turpentine, paint solvents, antifreeze, and pesticides are all products which should be kept out of the reach of children.

One can prevent accidental poisonings by keeping good household rules:

1. Keep all household chemical products and medications out of sight of youngsters.
2. Store all medicines separately from household products, and store all household chemical products away from food.
3. Keep items in their original containers.
4. Leave the original labels on all products, and read the label before using.
5. Always leave the light on when giving or taking medicines.
6. Avoid taking medicines in front of children, since youngsters tend to imitate adults.
7. Refer to medicine as "medicine" - not "candy".
8. Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically, and safely dispose of unneeded medicines when the illness for which they were prescribed is over. Four corners down drain or toilet, and rinse container before discarding.
9. Finally, use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after use.

In reviewing these tips, check to see that your home is "poison safe" and help prevent an accidental poisoning from occurring to your child, grandchild, or family friend's child.

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Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

When Melissa was in the seventh grade she was in the marching band and also competed in girl's athletics at Elba High School in volleyball, basketball and softball. This year she still competed in all three sports, but did give up band, which at least gave her a little time at home to do her homework and sleep. Well, last week she tried out for cheerleader and was named the co-captain of the junior high cheerleading squad. That means that next school year she will be cheering for the junior team in football and basketball, while at the same time still competing in volleyball, basketball and softball. If she survives the hectic schedule and keeps her grades up, it looks like a busy ninth grade year ahead.

A.R.P.A. TOURNAMENTS PROVIDE EXCITEMENT

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation hosted the District 8 Basketball Tournaments in Girl's 12 and Under, Boy's 12 and Under, and Girl's 10 and Under, last weekend, and after a shaky start pulled off the tournaments without a hitch. The tourney was scheduled to be held in the high school gym and the physical education gym at Elba High School; however, the warm, muggy weather caused condensation in the physical ed gym and made the rubber court unplayable. Supt. Charles Pearce came to the rescue of the recreation department by allowing the games scheduled for the P.E. gym to be played at the gym in the Elba Elementary School, and after some last-minute moving of chairs and equipment, all the games were held on time and the hundreds of visitors to Elba braved about the beautiful schools and gyms in which the games were played. It got off to a shaky start, but once the tournament got started it was smooth sailing.

Elba had three All-Star teams in the tournaments and all three made it to the semifinal round before being ousted. The two girls' teams competed, despite having leagues only one year, and made solid showings in both age divisions. The "10 and Under Girls" owned early leads twice against eventual champion Geneva before being defeated, while the "12 and Under Girls" claimed a big win over Opp in the opening round, but were also ousted by eventual champ, and defending state champ, Geneva, in semifinal action. The "12 and Under Boys" eliminated rival New Brockton in opening round action, but like the other Elba teams fell in the semifinals, this time to Enterprise. The Elba teams were all huge under-dogs in the tournaments, but played hard and showed everyone in attendance that the Elba leagues are indeed doing their jobs to teach the youngsters the basics of basketball. Good job!

NO SURPRISES AT STATE PREP FINAL 4

It was business as expected at the Alabama High School Athletic Association's "Final 4" last week in Birmingham, with the favorites claiming titles in all classifications. The biggest favorites were West End and Butler in Class 6A; and Eufaula in 5A girls, and all three made it look easy. The site of the tournament kept many area fans from making the trip, but it made little difference as over 12,000 fans packed the Civic Center for the 6A finals. It looks like the "Final 4" are in Birmingham to stay.

Daleville made it to the "Final 4" in the 4A ranks and saw its dream of winning the state title go up in smoke, as a desperation 80-foot shot at the buzzer, in overtime, tied the score and allowed Alexandria to stay alive, and later win the wildest game of the entire week. Daleville was winning by three-points with 1.1 seconds left on the clock in the first overtime and had the ball shooting a free-throw. The free-throw missed, and an Alexandria player rebounded the miss and fired a shot down the court that banked in off the glass for a game-tying three-pointer. It was a miracle shot to end all miracle shots, and left a very good Daleville team disappointed, but convinced that it was indeed as good as any team in the state and had taken its program to the highest level of competition.

IN CLOSING...

***It looks like all three Coffee County schools have decided not to have an organized spring football training. The schools have their players lifting weights and doing some running; however, there will be no real spring practice and no jamborees. The times they are a changing. If you like high school baseball and softball, the folks at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will be glad to see you, as both Elba and Zion Chapel are playing all their home games at Legion Field, while both school's girls softball teams will be playing at Hawkins-Williams Park. Area fans won't have to drive far to see plenty of prep action.

Elba Department of Parks and Recreation

RECREATION ROUND-UP

Baseball and softball sign-up March 3-14

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for the upcoming youth baseball and softball leagues will be held from March 3-14, with registration forms to be available to all students in the Elba City School system.

Baseball leagues will include T-Ball, for boys ages 4-6; Coach-Pitch, for boys ages 7-8; Dixie Minor, for boys ages 9-10; Dixie Youth, for boys ages 11-12; Dixie Boys, for boys ages 13-14; Dixie Pre-Majors, for boys ages 15-16; and Dixie Majors, for boys ages 17-18. The registration fee will be \$10 per person, \$17.50 for two members of the same immediate family and \$25 for three members or more of the same immediate family. Fees will be due prior to the issuing of uniforms.

Softball leagues will include T-Ball for girls ages 4-6; Coach-Pitch, for girls ages 7-8; Midget Girls, for girls ages 10 and Under; Junior Girls, for girls ages 12 and Under; and Senior Girls, for girls ages 13-16. The registration fee will be \$10 per person, \$17.50 for two members of the same immediate family and \$25 for three or more members of the same immediate family. Fees will be due prior to the issuing of uniforms. For more information call 897-6833.

Coaches are needed for youth teams

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking coaches for teams in the upcoming youth baseball and softball leagues. The baseball leagues will include teams for boys ages 4-18, while the girls leagues will be for girls ages 4-16. Coaching applications are available at the Elba Recreation Center, located on N. Claxton Avenue. For more information, call 897-6833.

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Sports

In District 8 Basketball Tournaments

Elba All-Stars all fall in semifinals

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation entered teams in all three divisions of last weekend's A.R.P.A. District 8 Basketball Tournaments, in Elba, with all three teams being eliminated in semifinal action.

Following are tournament highlights of all three teams:

GIRL'S 10 AND UNDER

The Elba All-Stars drew an opening round bye in the Girl's 10 and Under Tournament, but found the competition a little too tough in the semifinal round as they fell to eventual champion Geneva 26-6.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and led 3-2 midway through the opening stanza as Ayonna Proctor lit up the scoreboard; however, Geneva pulled out to a 12-5 lead by the end of the half and pulled away for the 26-6 win.

Scoring for Elba were Ayonna Proctor 5 and Ashley Gibson 1. Also playing for the Elba All-Stars were Lacy Carlisle, Allison Brunson, Kristin Barnes, Alison Smith, Malory Allen, Catina Washington, Lyndsay Lawford, Jessica Sconiers, Katie Dyess and Collette Newsom. The team was coached by Gary Gibson and Greg Brunson.

GIRL'S 12 AND UNDER

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament with an impressive 26-10 win over Opp, but then failed to find the basket in the semifinals as they fell to eventual champion Geneva 25-5.

The All-Stars jumped out a 13-2 halftime lead over Opp behind the inside scoring of Aubretta Williams and Shay Johnson, but then fell in the semifinals to Geneva 25-5. Geneva owned an 8-0 advantage after one quarter and slowly pulled away to claim the win.

Scoring for Elba were LaGina Mack 3 and Shay Johnson 2. Also



WATCHING FREE-THROW ACTION....Elba's Collette Newsom (34) and Lacy Carlisle (1) watch and wait as teammate Ayonna Proctor (with ball) eyes the basket. The Elba 10 and Under Girl's All-Stars were eliminated in the semifinals of the District 8 tournament last weekend by Geneva 26-6, with Proctor leading the scoring with 5 points.

Scoring for Elba were Aubretta Williams 8, LaGina Mack 5, Melissa Kelley 5, Shay Johnson 4, Deann Smith 2 and Annie Jean Daniels 2.

The All-Stars held Geneva to its lowest scoring output of the tournament with an exciting 40-33 win over New Brockton, but then fell in the semifinals to Geneva 25-5. Geneva owned an 8-0 advantage after one quarter and slowly pulled away to claim the win.

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playing for the All-Stars in the two games were Devri Kilcrease, Britany Daniels, Shawna Hill, Greta Robinson and Samantha Williams. The team was coached by Ricky Mularz.

BOY'S 12 AND UNDER

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Scoring for Elba were LaGina Mack 3 and Shay Johnson 2. Also

playing for the All-Stars in the two games were Devri Kilcrease, Britany Daniels, Shawna Hill, Greta Robinson and Samantha Williams. The team was coached by Ricky Mularz.

GENEVA TAKES GIRL'S 10 & UNDER TITLE

The Geneva All-Stars swept through three games without a loss last weekend to claim the championship of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District 8 "Girl's 10 and Under" Basketball Tournament, held in Elba.

The Geneva All-Stars opened the tournament with a 23-10 win over Abbeville, then defeated Elba 26-6 in the semifinals and Dothan 21-16 in the finals to take the title.

Both Geneva and Dothan earned the right to advance to the State Tournament, set for March 15-16 in Andalusia.

Following are complete tournament results:

OPENING ROUND:
Geneva 23 Abbeville 10
Dothan 17 Greenville 13
Opp 12 Samson 11

QUARTERFINALS:
Elba 26 Opp 10
Geneva 43 Eufaula 16
Dothan 25 Abbeville 2
New Brockton 28 Greenville 20

SEMIFINALS:
Geneva 25 Elba 5
Dothan 41 New Brockton 11

CHAMPIONSHIP:
Geneva 37 Dothan 24

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TRAIL

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Geneva takes Girl's 10 & Under title

The Geneva All-Stars swept through three games without a loss last weekend to claim the championship of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District 8 "Girl's 10 and Under" Basketball Tournament, held in Elba.

The Geneva All-Stars opened the tournament with a 23-10 win over Abbeville, then defeated Elba 26-6 in the semifinals and Dothan 21-16 in the finals to take the title.

Both Geneva and Dothan earned the right to advance to the State Tournament, set for March 15-16 in Andalusia.

Following are complete results in the Girl's 10 and Under Tournament:

OPENING ROUND:
Geneva 23 Abbeville 10
Dothan 17 Greenville 13
Opp 12 Samson 11

QUARTERFINALS:
Elba 26 Opp 10
Geneva 43 Eufaula 16
Dothan 25 Abbeville 2
New Brockton 28 Greenville 20

SEMIFINALS:
Geneva 25 Elba 5
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MEET YOUR ELBA POLICE OFFICERS

Meet Police Officer Anna Frost. Anna has been with the Elba Police Department for the past 1-1/2 years. Her present duties consist of patrol duty and serving as community officer (checking on the elderly and shut-in).

Prior to joining the EPD, Anna worked with the Midland City Police Department as a reserve officer and with the Stokomb Police Department.

Frost is a graduate of SWAPA (Southwest Alabama Police Academy) and has had additional training on gang activity and the operation of traffic radar.

She enjoys working to make the city a safer place for children and working with the general public. Her most memorable experience to date is when she recovered a stolen vehicle even before it was reported missing.

Frost's biggest disappointment is the disrespect shown police officers by today's youngsters. Her three wishes are for more training, better equipment, and more

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Elba City Council has variety of items on meeting agenda

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to pay for a "trial run" on the city's insurance rating review, made a hospital board appointment; paid bills; bought a truck; heard that health insurance was going up; a semi-pro football team wants to come to Elba; Alabama Electric wants to feed and talk with council members; rejected bids on flood control pumps; talked about installing speed bumps; starting mosquito spraying; reviewed recreation area rental agreements; bought a used lawnmower; heard Attorney General opinion on working on private property; postponed action on buying a street sweeper and several other items of business.

All members were present and voting.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council members that the police department logged 14,200 miles patrolling the city during the past month. They made 278 contacts with citizens and made 35 arrests. He reported the COPS program is going strong, as is the DARE program. The DARE officer, Dean Blair, is in Tuscaloosa this week undergoing extensive additional training.

Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers spoke from a prepared statement, informing council members of how the Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluates the community for fire insurance rates.

Driggers strongly recommended the hiring of an independent inspector prior to asking for an official rating review. He noted unless problems could cause the rating to actually go up, rather than fall. A major

potential problem in Elba is many old 4 inch water supply lines don't deliver the required fire fighting capacity to meet ISO standards. He explained that most of these independent inspectors are retired ISO employees and know what to look for. The cost will be from \$800 to \$1,200.

The council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the chief and pay the cost of the unofficial inspection.

Mayor James Grimes recommended the council appoint Pete Cash to the hospital board, replacing Pete Dorsey who resigned. The council approved the recommendation unanimously.

A letter of resignation from Dorsey indicated his business interests made it impossible for him to continue on the hospital board.

Bids were opened Friday on a new truck for the recreation department. Bids were solicited on a mid-size and a full size pick-up truck. Grimes reported receiving only one bid to compete with the price on the state bid list. Also received was one "no bid".

The council voted to purchase a full size truck, recommended by Mayor Grimes, from the state bid list at a cost of \$13,908. The only other bid on the full size truck was for \$16,260, council member Ben Carpenter opposed the purchase.

The council voted to purchase a used lawn mower from the Elba Country Club. Mayor Grimes said

Recreation Director Ricky Mularz had examined the equipment and thought the \$1,000 cost for mower, which cost \$5,000 in 1990, was fair and the five foot wide cut equipment was needed to keep ballfield grass cut. Again Carpenter voted no.

Council members were given copies of standard rental agreements for the recreation department to use to lease the swimming pool and ball fields for private parties. They approved the continued use of these as written.

Bids received on a new street sweeper were reviewed. Representatives for the two companies which bid were present and the discussion over which was the best bid soon got confusing.

The council voted for the mayor and city clerk to review the bids and report back to the council at the next meeting.

The two bids received were for \$81,983.20 and \$73,906.00 respectively. However, questions about \$6,000 automatic oilers, etc. caused the council to postpone action.

Alabama Electric Co-op President Jim Vann has asked to meet (and eat) with council members and review the activities of the co-op as requested.

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NBES dedicates new playground

The New Brockton Elementary School faculty, students, parents and honored guests participated in a Playground Dedication Ceremony on Monday, March 3, 1997.

The playground on the school's campus has recently been completely renovated using funds raised by the New Brockton Elementary School PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization), contributed by the Coffee County Board of Education, and state funds obtained by State Representative Garrett Moore.

Principal Charles Cole commented that he was finally proud to see a proper playground facility provided for the students at NBES.

He noted that it was through the initial efforts by the school's PTO that the project has finally come about. Cole thanked and commended PTO President Cathy Sawyer.

Both Superintendent of Coffee County Schools Roger Bowden and Rep. Moore expressed fond memories of New Brockton schools and commended all involved in the accomplishment of the goal of providing a new, modern playground for NBES students.

Coach Bobby Kinsaul noted that the new playground equipment is much safer than what was being used. It will also provide a better tool to be used in the physical education of the students.

The total cost of the project was approximately \$16,000.00. During the ceremony, special music was provided by the NBES Chorus and the NBES Chorus. Winners of the Playground Poem Contest and ribbon cutting ceremony.



PLAYGROUND DEDICATION... Pictured above participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony are (l-r): Cathy Sawyer, PTO President; Linda Estrada, PTO member; Charles Cole, NBES principal; Carol Eubanks, PTO member; Bobby Kinsaul, PE teacher; Roger Bowden, superintendent of Coffee County Schools; Little Miss New Brockton, Toni Stone; Ben Amstrong, member of the Coffee County BOE; Charles Walker, chairman of the Coffee County BOE; Joyce Barksdale, member of the Coffee County BOE; and Garrett Moore, Alabama State Representative.

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Commission opens bids & hears road complaint

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission began on a somber note. Commissioners, and others present, paused in a moment of silence in honor of Stephen DeVane, who passed away suddenly last week.

Commissioner Robert Stephens noted that DeVane had given 43 years of service to Coffee County. He was a long-time employee of the

Coffee County Highway Department.

The majority of the commission's meeting agenda consisted of bid openings. Commissioners opened bids received on garbage collection and motorgrader blades for the highway department. The opening of bids on undercarriage repair on two bulldozers was postponed.

Three bids were received on the collection of garbage from county residents. The bids were based on a

cost per month per residence for garbage collection.

Environmental Waste Management Company of Andalusia, AL, submitted a bid of \$11,995; City Environmental Services of Dothan submitted a bid of \$8,535; and Mark Dunning Industries, Incorporated, also of Dothan, bid \$8,235.

After opening all the bids, commissioners voted table the bids and allow the landfill committee to review them and make a recommendation to the commission.

Tractor & Equipment Company of Montgomery was awarded the bid on motorgrader blades. Their bid was low at \$8,184.00 for 400 blades.

Turning to other business, commissioners heard from Mitchell Estes concerning the condition of County Road 657.

Estes told commissioners that he had lived on the dirt road for fourteen years, and for twelve of those years he has been trying to get something done about the condition of the road.

He said that when it rains, the road is impassable or very dangerous to travel and he is concerned about his elderly mother, and other elderly persons, who have to travel the road.

According to Estes, there are nine homes located on the road - all occupied by elderly persons.

Estes also told commissioners that almost every time the county grades the road, the telephone lines are severed, leaving those living on the road without phone service for one or two days.

He expressed his concern for the welfare of those persons living on the road when their phone service becomes interrupted.

"I am asking nicely," said Estes, "Please help me get something done."

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